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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: HEARING APPLICATION

Alternate Unit Well at Exceptional Location

HA RA SUC Haynesville Field

Claiborne Parish, Louisiana Our File No. 340029.0393

Dear Sir:

On behalf of MARATHON OIL COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, in the Haynesville Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) additional alternate unit well for HA RA SUC, at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 35-R, effective February 5, 1986.
- 2. To explicitly find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to drain a portion of the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A,, in the Haynesville Field underlying HA RA SUC, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well in such unit.
- 3. To provide that the unit allowable for such unit may be produced from either the unit wells, the alternate unit well, or any combination thereof, at the operator's discretion.

4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, in the Haynesville Field, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 35-R, effective February 5, 1986.

The Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation pertaining to the Pre-Application Notice requirements, are not applicable to the hearing requested herein, which requires legal notice of only ten (10) days.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, 400 Texas Street, Suite 1400, Chase Tower, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Wm. Timothy Allen III (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write Mr. Allen at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

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cc:

Wm. Timothy Allen III
Attorneys for Marathon Oil Company

Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager, Office of Conservation

(w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

